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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/886,516  
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With reference to the above-captioned case, enclosed please find the Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003..

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page   of this paper.

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